

COMFORT FIRES GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS

Chapter 511 “Air Pollution Control” of the Revised Code of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County, Section 511-703 allows for open burning of wood products which does not create a nuisance or a fire hazard and which is attended by a responsible person at all times until completely extinguished for the purposes of a fire for personal comfort. The following are guidelines for proper comfort fires.

1. No paper, trash, or treated wood can be used in the fire. All material must be clean and free of dirt, oil, paint, and other toxic materials. Wood must not extend over the top of the container.
2. A ventilated, non-combustible mesh-covered container must be used. The mesh covering must have openings no greater than 1/4 inch.
3. The container must be more than 15 feet away from any other structure or combustible material.
4. The ambient temperature must be 50°F or below to provide warmth.
5. For outdoors workers, only on project sites.
6. The fire must be attended at all times.
7. Burning should occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
8. Fire must be extinguished if complaints are received by the City, Fire Department, or Police Department.
9. Violation of this ordinance may result in a ticket or summons to Court.

If you need additional information pertaining to the, Bureau of Environmental Services Open Burning Response Program, please call (317) 327-2236.

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